

**Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Steven W. Rhodes**

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**Steven W. Rhodes**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Purdue 1970 BS; Michigan 1972 JD  
Began Service: March 22, 1985  
Term Expires: March 21, 2013

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Feikens, United States District Court for the District of Michigan (1973)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1977)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1981-1985); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit; Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Sixth Circuit (2003)

**Legal Practice:** August, Thompson, Sherr & Miller (1977-1978); Kelley & Rhodes (1978-1981)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Michigan

**Staff**

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Education: Wayne State 1996 JD  
Law Clerk **Caroline Edwards Fayz** ..... (313) 234-0021  
Education: Wayne State 1994 JD  
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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Marci B. McIvor**

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**Marci B. McIvor**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2003  
Term Expires: March 14, 2017

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**Phillip J. Shefferly**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2003

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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Thomas J. Tucker**

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**Thomas J. Tucker**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: March 21, 2003

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**Walter Shapero**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1930  
Education: Michigan 1951 AB; Virginia 1954 LLB  
Began Service: July 15, 2002

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Michigan Supreme Court (1954-1956)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Detroit Bar Association; Michigan State Bar; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Melissa Kuptz** ..... (313) 234-2642  
Education: Ave Maria Law 2003 JD  
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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Daniel S. Opperman**

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**Daniel S. Opperman**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: July 2006  
Term Expires: July 2020

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.

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**Robert Holmes Bell**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Wheaton (IL) 1966 BA;  
Wayne State 1969 JD  
Began Service: August 6, 1987  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Thomas M. Cooley Law School

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1969-1973)

**Judicial:** Judge, Michigan District Court, 55th Judicial Court (1973-1979); Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 30th Judicial Circuit (1979-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1970-1972)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Christian Legal Society; District Judges' Association of the Sixth Circuit, President; Federal Bar Association, Western District of Michigan Chapter; Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy Studies; State Bar of Michigan

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**Gordon J. Quist**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1937  
Education: Michigan State 1959 BA; George Washington 1962 JD  
Began Service: August 28, 1992  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Hollabaugh & Jacobs (1962-1964); Sonnenschein, Levinson, Carlin, Rosenthal, & Nath (1964-1966); Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey (1967-1992); Managing Partner, Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey (1986-1992)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Michigan State Bar Foundation

**Staff**

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**Wendell A. Miles**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1916  
Education: Hope 1938 BA; Wyoming 1939 MA; Michigan 1942 JD  
Began Service: 1974  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Academic:** Instructor, Hope College (1948-1953); Instructor, American Institute of Banking (1954-1959)

**Government:** Prosecuting Attorney, State of Michigan (1949-1953); United States Attorney, Western District of Michigan, United States Department of Justice (1953-1960)

**Judicial:** Judge, Michigan Circuit Court, 20th Judicial Circuit (1970-1974); United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (1989-1996)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1948-1953); Partner, Miles, Mika, Meyers & Beckett (1961-1970)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1942-1947)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Michigan State Bar Association; Ottawa County Bar Association; Twentieth Judicial Bar Association

**Staff**

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Education: Drake 1984 BA; Minnesota 1987 JD  
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Education: Michigan 1960 BS; DePaul 1991 JD  
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Education: Michigan State 1973 BA